

WEST GROVE BOROUGH COUNCIL

APRIL 6, 2005

PUBLIC HEARING – CHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS: President Turkington opened the public hearing for the application for funding through the Chester County Department of Community Development for streetscape and infrastructure improvements. After the invitation for public input and general discussion, President Turkington announced that the public hearing was concluded.

The Regular Meeting of the West Grove Borough Council was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2005 in the West Grove Borough Municipal Building. The President, Richard S. Turkington, called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

- Mayor Stephen B. Black, Mayor
- Mr. Richard S. Turkington, President
- Mrs. Barbara Wood, Vice President
- Mrs. Jill Callahan-Beiler
- Mr. Joe Colon
- Mr. Curtis Barr
- Mr. Chris Ferrier
- Mr. Mark Johnson
- Ms. Sharon B. Nesbitt, Secretary
- Mr. Timothy R. Nichols, Superintendent
- Chief Errol Galloway
- Glenn R. Diehl, Esq., Borough Solicitor

MINUTES:

March 2, 2005: Mr. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2005 Borough Council meeting and was seconded by Mr. Barr as amended.
Motion Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Ferrier moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to approve the March Financial Report.
Motion Passed

TRANSFERS:

Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Barr seconded to approve the April transfers.
Motion Passed

BILLS:

Mrs. Wood moved and Mrs. Callahan-Beiler seconded to approve the April bills.
Motion Passed

FINANCE ISSUES:

Police & Non-Uniformed Personnel Policies: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Johnson seconded to authorize the expenditure for Scott Blissman, Reed Smith, LLC, to write new personnel policies for both the Police and Non-uniformed employees at a cost of \$2000.00., because the current policies need to be updated.

Motion Passed

Municipal Software Upgrade: The Borough's municipal software which includes utility billing, accounting, payroll, tax collection and property records need to be upgraded to windows. Harris, Software for Utilities and Local Government has submitted a proposal to convert and upgrade out programs at a cost of \$26,369. Mr. Barr moved and Mrs. Wood seconded to authorize the expenditure for the upgrade of the existing software programs to windows.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC WORKS:

Frog Hollow Lane: A letter was received from Mr. Loustau requesting paving of Frog Hollow Lane this year, Mr. Nichols, Supt, informed Borough Council that he would like to pave Frog Hollow Lane but did not expect to do it this year with the work involved for the Revitalization Project.

Water Service Line Specifications and Details Ordinance: Mr. Johnson moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to authorize the advertisement of the proposed new water service line specifications ordinance.

Motion Passed

Chester County Department of Community & Economic Development –

Revitalization Project Specifications: Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to authorize the advertisement of the specifications for the Chester County DCED Revitalization Project as prepared by Farley Fry, Borough Engineer.

Motion Passed

Railroad Avenue – Temporary Parking: Borough Council authorized Sharon Nesbitt to contact Mr. Samii about permitting temporary parking along the railroad tracks on his property to help with the reduction of parking spaces during the construction of the Revitalization Project.

DVRPC – TRAFFIC STUDY: Mr. Ferrier discussed with Borough Council the recommendation by the consultants to extend Railroad Avenue across Oakland Avenue to Baltimore Pike and whether Council was interested in submitting to Penn Dot's twelve year plan. After discussing the matter, Borough Council authorized the Railroad Avenue extension to be submitted to be put on Penn Dot's Twelve Year Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHESTER COUNTY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2005-04:

Mrs. Callahan-Beiler moved and Mr. Barr seconded to adopt Resolution NO. 2005-04, which is the adoption of the County Wide Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC SAFETY:

New London Township Police Service Inter-municipal Agreement Update: Glenn R. Diehl, Borough Solicitor, presented his recommendations for the inter-municipal agreement for police services with New London Township after reviewing their proposal submitted by New London Township's Solicitor. Borough Council requires that all legal review fees must be paid by New London Township.

Parking Ordinance Amendment:

Chief Galloway recommended that Borough Council amend the parking ordinance by adding no parking on the north side of Locust Street and the section on East Harmony located behind Brandywine Apartments. Mr. Barr moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to authorize the advertisement of the proposed no parking areas on Locust Street and East Harmony Road.

Motion Passed

MCFADDEN SUBDIVISION:

Mr. Ferrier moved and Mr. Barr seconded to approve the McFadden Group, Inc. Subdivision Plan last revised 3/9/2005 with the approval conditioned upon the Developer agreeing to undertake, and then undertaking, the installation of a curb cut for the existing parcel, tax parcel No. 5-2-35, and paving the existing stone driveway, at the time the curbs and driveways are installed for Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 2 of this plan.

Motion Passed

RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT ("R-3E") AMENDMENT:

Mr. Diehl, Borough Solicitor, discussed the proposed changes to the Residential District R-3E by reducing the side yard and distance between buildings. The end units and the three-level units will have 2 car garages.

CHESTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH'S DINNER:

Mayor Black announced the CCAB dinner on Monday May 2, 2005 at St Anthony's Lodge in Downingtown. U. S. Congressman Jim Gerlach is the guest speaker. Borough Council members are to contact the Borough office if they are able to attend. Mayor Black is hoping for a good turn-out from West Grove Borough.

LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP REQUEST: A letter was received by Steven Brown, London Grove Township Manager, to see if the Borough might be interested in participating in the updating of their Comprehensive Plan. Borough Council is interested in participating in the update.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Wood moved and Mr. Ferrier seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon B. Nesbitt
Secretary